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Ben Chin '07, Social Justice Activist, Honored with Stringfellow



KIRSTEN TERRY / THE BATES STUDENT

Ben Chin '07 has worked on a number of local campaigns and with the Chaplain's office during his time at Bates.

KIRSTEN TERRY
MANAGING NEWS EDITOR

It is easy for Ben Chin to see the community impact he has had during his four years at Bates. He can look to the south of campus and see that the low-income housing he helped fight to keep is still standing. He can look at local poll successes on issues such as last fall's TABOR initiative. This Sunday, March 25 he will receive more evidence of the difference he has made when he is given the college's Stringfellow Award.

The Office of the Chaplain awards the Stringfellow annually to a student who dedicates him or herself to promoting peace and justice. Chin has worked with a number of local and Bates-related organizations, including the Hunger and Homelessness Committee and the Maine People's Alliance.

Chin considers his first experience with social justice at Bates to be the most rewarding. In November 2004, he organized a camp-out on the Quad to draw attention to a developing housing situation in Lewiston. One hundred students joined him in spending at least one night outside.

"The project where I helped out the most was probably the Quad campaign," said Chin. "It's what I feel best about."

After the city proposed building a road that would cut through a section of affordable housing, Chin and other students stood behind the group of Lewiston citizens trying to block the destruction of their homes. Camping on the Quad was a way to raise money and media awareness about the new road.

"The real story wasn't what we were doing, it was what the people downtown were doing," he said. "Over 1,000 people were going to lose their homes and no one pays attention but if Bates people sleep outside, that gets the media involved."

This school year Chin was heavily involved with the anti-TABOR campaign, working as a campus organizer for the League of Young Voters. He led education programs and voting drives

at Bates to try to raise awareness about the proposed tax legislation, which was defeated in the polls.

"That was a very fun, very exciting campaign," said Chin. "The meaningful part for me was seeing so many Bates students interested in and educated about a complicated thing—TABOR was about budget policy and formulas. Bates swung Lewiston."

Jenna Vendil '06 worked with Chin at Maine People's Alliance in Lewiston this summer, canvassing for campaigns concerning Social Security and a chemicals policy. She considers him a mentor and appreciated his encouragement and leadership skills.

"He has endless amounts of faith and trust in people around him," said Vendil in an e-mail to The Student. "Without that faith and trust in people, I don't think you can be an organizer, who works to empower, to teach skills and build leaders within the communities who are affected by the issues you're organizing around. This is a valuable lesson that I have learned from Ben, a lesson that I strive to pass on."

Chaplain Bill Blaine-Wallace heard about Chin soon after he started working at Bates. He said people began telling him that he should meet the student, but the two had busy schedules.

"One day he showed up at my study," said Blaine-Wallace. "I immediately was infected by his energy for life, his embrace of moment. Ben shows up in the broken places for the broken people with a smile and passion that incarnate hope and desire for a new day."

Chin said that these positive feelings are mutual.

"I really like the Chaplain's office in general," said Chin. "They put faith into practice, and that's a strong tradition at Bates."

During his time at Bates, Chin, originally from Pittsburgh, feels he's settled in the state and has no plans to leave after graduation.

"I'd like to do community organizing, and I'd love to do it in central

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Wikipedia Should not be Cited, Say History Professors

After a ban on citing the online, user-generated encyclopedia in papers is approved by Middlebury College, Bates Professors Respond

ANDREW KELNER
STAFF WRITER

College professors across the country are discussing what the role of the popular free online encyclopedia Wikipedia should be after the Middlebury College history department unanimously passed a resolution forbidding the citation of Wikipedia on exams and papers. This unprecedented decision was quickly publicized in the national media, and it sparked discussion of what role Wikipedia should play in academic and scholarly work.

Although the Middlebury history department's decision does forbid the citation of Wikipedia in exams and papers, it does not discourage all utilization of the resource. They encourage the use of Wikipedia as a useful preliminary reference for introduction to a topic, and as an aid in finding more credible sources. However, the nature of Wikipedia leaves it inherently open to misinformation, as well as purposeful vandalism.

"Whereas Wikipedia is extraordinarily convenient and, for some general purposes, extremely useful, it nonetheless suffers inevitably from inaccuracies deriving in large measure from its unique manner of compilation," the Middlebury College resolution states.

The controversy at Middlebury arose after a professor of Japanese history noticed a large number of students who cited the same inaccuracy in their essays during an exam. He quickly traced the problem to Wikipedia, and discovered that other professors had been seeing a similar phenomenon for several years. The students claimed they did not know Wikipedia was prone to inaccuracy because their high school teachers had allowed them to use it. The history department then passed their resolution in an effort to demonstrate to students the differences between Wikipedia and more traditional references.

Wikipedia, unlike other encyclopedias, is written collaboratively by over 75,000 active volunteers. This system

allows for the plethora of information available, with over 5 million articles in more than a hundred languages. However, because Wikipedia articles can be edited by anyone with access to the Internet, the site becomes a convenient medium to spread misinformation and inaccuracies. In the last few years, several incidents have drawn national attention in attempts to use Wikipedia to promote political campaigns and even for practical jokes.

Though the Middlebury decision has received much attention, it does follow the recommended guidelines of the Wikipedia organization itself. The free online encyclopedia was founded in 2001 by Jimmy Wales and Larry Sanger in an attempt to create a resource that would contain a large volume of easily accessible, user-submitted information. This format, they claim, leads to a spectrum in the validity of the articles.

"The ideal Wikipedia article is balanced, neutral and encyclopedic, containing notable verifiable knowledge," the website states. "An increasing number of articles reach this standard over time, and many already have. However this is a process and can take months or years to be achieved, as each user adds his or her contribution in turn. Some articles contain statements and claims, which have not yet been fully cited. Others will later have entire new sections added. Some information will be considered by later contributors to be insufficiently founded, and may be removed or expounded."

Wikipedia also admits that writer biases and motives influence the articles more heavily than in other reference materials.

"Wikipedia's radical openness means that any given article may be, at any given moment, in a bad state: for example it could be in the middle of a large edit or it could have been recently vandalized. While blatant vandalism is usually easily spotted and rapidly corrected, Wikipedia is certainly more sub-

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Republicans' Speaker Discusses Topics Ranging from Illegal Immigration to Hip-Hop

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MANAGING NEWS EDITOR

Reginald Jones is concerned with the current state of black civil rights leadership. The entertainer and entrepreneur feels that much has changed since his parents' generation and now prominent leaders such as Al Sharpton are "a wholly owned subsidiary of the Democratic Party."

Jones addressed a number of topics he feels are affecting black Americans during his talk last Wednesday, which was sponsored by the Bates Republicans and Young America's Foundation. He started with political issues, but also drew on his background in the music industry to discuss the state of hip-hop music.

Jones professed to be against abortion and illegal immigration because of the consequences they may have on the black population and job prospects. He also discussed disappointment in the way politicians campaign to black people, in a way that he says addresses them as "a sea of underdogs," rather than as professionals and entrepreneurs.

"The Democrats think that if you can talk about the down-trodden enough... then you've got us," Jones said.

He sees a similar message portrayed in the media, especially during reports and programming meant to commemorate Black History Month.

"You will notice no time spent on the majesty of black people, only slavery and Jim Crow," said Jones about TV programming during the month. "It was like we contributed nothing to society."

Jones criticized today's civil rights leaders, questioning whether those leaders were even necessary.

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Lecturer on Gender and Islam Denounces the Concept of Spreading "Western Values"

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Dr. Asma Barlas, professor of politics and director of the Center for the Study of Culture, Race and Ethnicity at Ithaca College, came to Bates last week as the final speaker in the College Lectures Series for this year. Her lecture, "Gender, Islam and the War on Terror," linked the perceptions of gender roles in Islam to racism in foreign policy.

"The Western construction of Muslim women justifies anti-Islam feelings," she said. "With the Bush administration, the war on terror is partially to liberate burqa-clad women."

Barlas began her lecture with an examination of the Western fascination and preoccupation with veiled Muslim women, and its implications in the War on Terror.

Apologizing for what she called the "simplicity" of her analysis of the issues, Barlas explained that not only was she still considering many of her arguments, she had also decided to "err on the side of caution" with her assumption of her audience's familiarity with Islam.

Many European nations, including the Netherlands, France and Turkey, have banned Islamic dress such as burqas, veils and headscarves, defining them as religious symbols that interfere with the secularism of government and schools. Barlas says that the veil is being banned because "Westerners want a difference cleansed of its mystery."

"It is by legislating Muslim women's dress that the secular state has begun to intervene in religious affairs," she said.

She identifies the "Western preoccupation with the veil" as "one of the oldest motifs of Orientalist thought," and says that frustration with it stems from a medieval fear. When Muslim women wear veils or scarves, she said, "it renders Islam more visible, more present in the Western world... it stirs up old fears."

Barlas links the European bans on Islamic dress to the Bush administration's perspective on Muslims. She says that the



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Asma Barlas, of Ithaca College, believes that most Americans are not aware of current events in the Middle East.

administration divides Muslims into two categories: the militant fundamentalists and secularized modernists, and that the burqa belongs to the former.

"It undermines the secular foundations of the United States," she said. "The state has become complicit in defining and re-defining religion."

"Looking abroad, finding ways to reform other nations overseas is a form of self-denial," she said. "Women have legal rights, etc. here, but there is a rape every 14 seconds in the United States of America. This is abstracted away in the concern for the poor, benighted women in the Muslim world. Forget help. How about learning with? How about learning from? How about serving?"

Her hope is that Western nations like the U.S. will stop trying to reform closed societies, but instead open them to freedom of learning, so that their citizens will be able to choose for themselves.

"You need to re-think the putative urge to liberate," said Barlas. "It sacrifices multiplicity in the name of a universalism. The choice between Islam and freedom is a false choice." For Muslims, she said, "Islam is the way to freedom."

She also denounced the concept of

spreading "Western values" to other nations. "What are these Western values?" she asked. "The concepts of dignity, freedom, tolerance and love exist in all cultures."

Though many Muslim men and women, like Barlas, are "re-defining the Qur'an as a non-patriarchal text," she said, "it is harder to escape the Western perception of Muslim women. We are being already oppressed by virtue of being Muslim."

Barlas' current research, focusing on Islam, involves a re-interpretation of the Qur'an that promotes gender equality. She and her husband performed a hajj, the pilgrimage to Mecca required of all able-bodied Muslims who can afford to make the journey, in December 2006.

While on the pilgrimage, Barlas observed that men and women are equal during the Hajj, performing identical rites together, with all faces and hands required to be uncovered. It is the Saudi influence, she says, that segregates men and women outside of the holy ritual.

"Even the Saudis, with their misogyny and oil money, haven't been able to stamp out the radical sexual egalitarian-

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War in Iraq Turns Four

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This Tuesday marks the four-year anniversary of the second Iraq War. With the U.S. embroiled in sectarian violence, it's easy to overlook the invasion's full ramifications. That said, they are numerous and still relevant.

Diversion of Resources From Afghanistan.

In invading Iraq, the Bush administration redeployed valuable Arab-speaking commandos, unmanned Predator aircraft and a task force that otherwise would have been hunting down Osama bin Laden, to a country that posed no immediate threat. As a result, intelligence contacts were lost and jihadists escaped to see another day.

Loss of U.S.' Credibility.

Arguing the White House should be cleared of any intentional wrongdoing, apologists like Bill O'Reilly only cloud the issue by noting that intelligence agencies in other countries and officials in the Clinton Administration thought Saddam possessed dangerous weapons.

The problem wasn't so much that the Bush administration said there was a threat, but rather how it distorted the relevant information. Dick Cheney made repeated assertions that directly contradicted the findings of the Pentagon's Defense Intelligence Agency, the National Intelligence Estimate, the U.S. Department of State and the U.S. Department of Energy. While every one of these agencies said they were uncertain as to whether or not Saddam had WMDs and an active nuclear program, Cheney made declarations like, "We know they have biological and chemical weapons" (March 17, 2002), "We know they are pursuing nuclear weapons" (March 19, 2002), "Simply stated, there is no doubt that Saddam Hussein now has weapons of mass destruction" (August 26, 2002). Now, in large part because of the lies peddled by people like Cheney, our government has little credibility when it comes to confronting foreign threats.

International Ramifications

True, the U.S. faced an unenviable struggle in seeking support for war. Countries such as France and Russia

prioritizing economic interests over holding Saddam accountable was a lot to overcome, especially compounded by general European naïveté and resentment. However, it would be foolish to lose sight of the administration's diplomatic failure. Coming off two years of fallout from discarded treaties and other flawed policy choices, the hard-liners wasted little time exacerbating tensions. And contrary to what hawks conclude, a long-term framework of American unilateralism is not a decent alternative to a system of international law and consent.

U.S. Soldiers Killed or Wounded.

According to icasualties.org, the Department of Defense has confirmed that about 3,200 soldiers have been killed and almost 25,000 have been wounded.

Iraqis Killed or Wounded.

While figures are hard to determine, let's put it this way: in a December 2006 speech, President Bush estimated the number of Iraqi civilian deaths at 30,000. If that's what he's willing to concede, I can only imagine what the actual number is.

Over \$400 Billion Spent.

Notwithstanding the fact that the Iraqi people were being oppressed under Saddam, removing him hasn't exactly been cost-effective. Just imagine how much suffering \$400 billion could have mitigated had it been spent elsewhere.

Moral and Political Catastrophe Resulting From Abu Ghraib.

As Hendrik Hertzberg observed in "The New Yorker," "the damage to the unraveling coalition, to America's standing everywhere in the world, to the chances of a decent outcome in Iraq and the Middle East, to the goal of eradicating terrorism rather than nourishing it, and to the morale of our long-suffering troops in Iraq is unfathomable."

Probable Negative Outcome in Iraq.

Given the history of civil wars, the fighting in Iraq will most likely culminate (years from now) in the establishment of a Shiite-dominated regime aligned with Iran.

Surveying the depths of this tragedy, it is made all the more grim by this startling fact: we have about 670 days until Bush leaves office.

The Bates Student Letters

Conservative Speaker Misinforms Audience About Modern Civil Rights Movement

On Wednesday, March 14, the Bates College Republicans invited Reginald Jones to give a lecture on the modern civil rights movement through a conservative African-American's eyes. While the subject of the lecture could have proved interesting, much of Jones' time was spent bellowing at the audience and making unsubstantiated and irrelevant comments.

Even worse, though, Jones' speech contained a lot of misinformation, a small portion of which we would like to correct.

First, Jones insinuated that the Reverend Al Sharpton is not deserving of the title "Reverend" because he has never been a clergyman. That is not true, as Sharpton is an ordained minister and was once a pastor of the Washington Temple Congregation.

Second, his statement that Planned Parenthood was founded by Margaret Sanger as a way to keep African-Americans from populating this country is

ridiculous. Simple research shows that Sanger was nothing close to a racist, and founded Planned Parenthood as a way to promote better sexual health for women, regardless of race. Jones also made the absurd claim that current civil rights leaders "[rent] mobs from asylums and homeless shelters, giving them ten dollars each and a meal" to participate in public protests.

Jones used misleading statistics and odious attacks to bolster his unfounded claim that African-American leaders are corrupt, bad for the community and too allied with the Democratic Party.

Jones' ridiculing of American heroes such as John F. Kennedy and Robert Kennedy, and his subsequent attempt to coddle the audience with praises of Bates' Edmund Muskie was insulting to the intelligence of the audience members.

The speaker's patronizing remarks toward African-Americans and His-

panics, as well as racist statements such as "Massa Clinton says vote for Hillary so that's what they [the African-American community] are going to do," were downright offensive. When Jones' comments branched away from grotesque remarks and irrelevant claims, he merely complained about society while offering no solutions.

Overall, the lecture was very circular and full of empty rhetoric that did not further the dialogue concerning civil rights, the African-American community, or the American political process. This opportunity to have a real conversation concerning relevant policies and issues was unfortunately sacrificed for the sake of a few partisan low-blows and unsupported claims.

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Speaker Perpetuates Anti-Israel and -Jewish Sentiment

When Alison Weir comments that my apprehension about her speaking at Bates is unfounded and that I confuse Judaism with Zionism, she simply misses the mark about how her words are hateful to Jews, Israelis and the Israeli-Palestinian dialogue. Israel and Jewish people will be forever linked. It is our homeland, regardless of the conflict. There are many things one could criticize about Israel's policies in the West Bank, but it takes two to make peace, and no one in the mainstream Jewish community is saying that Israeli policies cannot be criticized. In fact, if all Weir did was attack government policy and call for a quicker pace toward a two-state solution, we probably could have been up on the same stage in solidarity. But even a quick glimpse at her website and those of the people she has routinely shared the stage with will show that is not what Weir desires. Weir is just one of a growing many who are trying to convince the American public, both Jewish and non-Jewish, that going back to 1947, Jewish Zionists began perpetrating a genocide on Arabs and that this continues today in the West Bank under a religiously based policy of ethnic cleansing. She and extremists like her call themselves human rights activists, and use names such as If Americans Knew, Wheels of Justice or Partners for Peace, and then do nothing but give revisionist history lessons, skillfully evade support for the internationally recognized two-state solution, and encourage hate toward Jews by calling Israelis and the Jews who support the state of Israel genocidal racists.

Anyone who has ever been to Haifa, a model of co-existence, and anyone who truly knows the multicultural Israeli society knows this is not true. I ask, why does Weir not mention that upon the founding of the State of Israel in 1948, a declaration went forth inviting all Arabs, Druze, and Christians to be FULL citizens of the new State of Israel. Can any other Arab state boast that same acceptance of Jews?

Why does Weir not mention the daily Kassam rockets coming into Israel from Gaza? Why no mention of the elected Palestinian Hamas government that still refuses to recognize the legitimate and legal right of the state of Israel to simply exist?

The fear I have of Weir is that her actual words, not what she puts in an article in our college paper, are incredibly troubling for the safety of Jews on campus and in the world. Her words echo the President of Iran -- a Holocaust denier -- as he openly calls for Israel to be wiped off the map. Unfortunately, this is the world in which Jewish people and Israelis live. And because of the way people believe these words, hate and ignorance are spread. I myself have at times been afraid to reveal my heritage for fear of repercussions. How would you feel if you were afraid of revealing something about yourself because you didn't know how others would react?

The increase in anti-Israel propaganda has clearly led to an increase in violence against Jews and Israelis, and Weir cannot deny that. Whether you are talking about the Hezbollah-initiated bombs entering Israel this past summer and the kidnapping of Israeli soldiers, or the 2006 attack on the Jewish Community Center in Seattle where the gunman stated "I am a Muslim American angry at Israel." The gunman opened fire, six people were shot, one killed. Who doesn't remember the picture of LAPD officers leading a line of children away from a Jewish Community Center in Los Angeles in 1999 after an avowed White Supremacist opened fire on the innocent people? The gunmen stated that he wanted his actions to be a "wake up call to America to kill Jews."

Have no doubt that Weir is the new face of anti-Semitism, and she and people like her are having a huge impact on distorting the perceptions of Jews and of Israel. They hide behind the guise of being only for peace and for "justice," but they fail to dis-

tinguish between the policies of Israel and the legitimate right of Israel to exist as a Jewish State. This is no accident, it is done deliberately. Until Weir had come to Bates, I had only read stories about the rise of this new kind of anti-Semitism. But finally it hit home. My discomfort with the speaker and subsequent e-mails were met with ignorance and anger. I expressed no anger in my e-mail whatsoever and only claimed that Weir's website was anti-Semitic. In response, members of SPJP said she could not possibly be anti-Semitic since the word means literally bias against all people of Middle Eastern descent. They also said she can't be anti-Semitic because she has Jewish friends. But, in the way that the majority of people use the term in this country, I am sorry to say, Alison is anti-Semitic. It was also upsetting that some in Students for Peace and Justice in Palestine (SPJP) and the administration were upset that I would call Weir anti-Semitic, as if what I did was beyond wrong. But somehow it was not beyond wrong for someone to come to campus who calls Israel a genocidal state.

Until this year, there was an unwritten understanding that both Hillel and Mushahada would do their best to celebrate our cultural aspects and not let the Israeli-Palestinian conflict divide us. That is no longer true with the creation of SPJP. Now, every week other Jews and I are treated to a new attack on Israel under the cover of "peace." SPJP has ignored our offers to sit down and have a discussion, both personally, and when the Chaplain offered to mediate. This is troubling and not surprising, given past events. This explains my apprehension over Weir coming to campus, and that fear seems to be well founded.

Alan Cooper '07
President of Hillel
[Editor's note: This letter represents the author's views and not those of Hillel.]

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Embracing the Lonely Lunch

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From what I've gathered in my almost 20 years of research, I'd say that people have an inherent fear of being alone. That is, except Ted Kaczynski. And maybe, had cell phones been widely used back then, he too would have felt the need to whip it out when faced with the taboo Lonely Lunch or much-dreaded Awkward Wait for Inconsiderate Late Friend.

It's not so much a fear of being alone in this case, but more a fear of being perceived as a friendless loser by the people all around you who suddenly seem rather popular. Look at 'em, laughing at their stupid stories, talking about their stupid days, having so much fun with their stupid selves. Pssshhh. You don't need them. You don't need anybody. You've got your sandwich and your juice and that's all you need. Enjoy your Lonely Lunch, that's what I say.

But really, what's so wrong with eating alone? Why should we have to be "on" all the time? We're expected to entertain our friends, contribute to conversation, make sympathetic noises when someone has a rough day or a sucky roommate or Snidey Whiplash for a professor. I mean, jeez, it's just exhausting sometimes, right? Don't get me

wrong, I'm really not antisocial, I love people, really I do. But who doesn't need some time to himself or herself? When life becomes sensory overload, it's nice to have a little Me Time, an hour or so to unwind and just be. Take full advantage of that. I promise, it's not so scary to eat alone, to just hole yourself up in a corner of Commons or the Den, especially when we put up our many barriers.

The Boston Globe is a good one. I find the comics and arts sections to be most unproductive and therefore perfect for this purpose. Studying is out, however, and so are cell phones. It doesn't constitute Me Time if you're spending it arguing with your mother or having an utterly unnecessary conversation with a friend you could call any old time. Catch-up phone conversations such as these are reserved for the stairwell in your dorm when you just can't stand your roommate's taste in music any longer.

While I will admit that I have crumbled under the pressure and surrendered to the lure of my cell phone during these solitary lunches, it certainly should not be a trend. Sure, technology is cool; we can stay connected with people all over the country as if they're just down the street with our cool flashy tiny cell phones and new-fangled high-speed Internet. But these

devices run our lives, and while we're connecting with other people, we're losing that connection with ourselves. We shouldn't need constant stimulation, constant company just to feel comfortable in public. We shouldn't feel it necessary to scream "look, I do have friends!" by calling them when we think we are being judged. We use cell phones as a defense mechanism because for some reason, it still matters what everyone else thinks. Oh, I'm sorry, my mistake, I did not realize that we were all still painfully awkward sixth graders.

Put away the cell phones. While they may not be giving you cancer (according to a recent study by the Dutch health council), they are stealing your soul. Take the Lonely Lunch as designated time for deep thoughts of the day; contemplate your latest overwhelming problem, or do the exact opposite, and escape with thoughts of what your life would be like if you dropped out because, as we all know, the band's going to make it. Regardless of what you choose, I guarantee that once you come to the conclusion on your own that no one really cares if you're eating alone, you'll enjoy it a lot more. So give it a try, and, if all else fails, you can always take food back to your room and wallow in shame.

President Bill Jack Discusses BCSG Legitimacy

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STAFF WRITER

No one is more aware of campus doubts concerning the Bates College Student Government than its leader, President Bill Jack '08. This week Jack sat down for an interview with The Student to discuss the history of issues with the BCSG, the causes of these questions and possible solutions.

Jack cites the origin of the debates back to November, when the resignation of BCSG Treasurer Bob Yamarino '07 prompted questions about the accomplishments of the BCSG.

"I believe the language was 'Bill and his cronies' are just doing whatever they want," said Jack.

The issue resurfaced during BCSG elections with a repeat of the perennially low voter turnout, which has trebled around 25 percent. A Bates Student staff editorial attributed this low turnout as a symptom of the ineffectiveness of the government's efforts to do anything beyond distributing parking passes and doling out funds to clubs.

To an extent, Jack agrees. Many resolutions passed by the Representative Assembly are non-binding, as they try to make changes outside of the group's power, and can then be summarily ignored. There are issues in the committee structure as well, much of which is determined by the Dean of Faculty without student input. Many faculty committees have no student representation, and in those that do have student representatives, the students have no say over the agenda. This means that topics of student concern often go undiscussed, such as the issue of need-blind admissions, which Jack tried to raise last year when he was on the Admissions and Financial Aid Committee.

Some of the problems of influence in school policy are systemic. For example, as BCSG Vice President Kris Jönsson points out, students typically only sit on committees for one year, be-



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Bill Jack '08, two-term President of the BCSG, talks about the feasibility of government reform.

cause of going abroad or other rigors of student life. This means that "there is no institutional memory. Any leverage gained over the prior year with the faculty is lost in the next." Jönsson disagrees that the question is one of legitimacy.

"We are recognized to an extent. It's not a problem of legitimacy per se, it's a problem of institutional structures," he said.

This is not to say that these problems are insuperable. Jack feels that some of the problems could be solved if BCSG members made a greater effort to be public in their actions.

"The students who are doing things don't associate themselves with the student government when they are doing public advocacy," Jack said.

The BCSG publicity committee is struggling due to a lack of interest, so a recent BCSG resolution to extend hours in Pettengill on Saturday nights went virtually unnoticed on campus.

What's more, the BCSG is currently undergoing a process of self-reform,

as the judicial committee is writing up a constitutional change that will grant students the ability to gather signatures and present petitions to be voted on by the RA. This is because, Jönsson says, "students should be able to represent themselves" following a New England town meeting format, instead of having to go through dorm or class representatives.

But the question on many students' minds is whether or not an effective change will take place any time soon, and from the language of the BCSG Executive Council members this seems unlikely. Of the upcoming RA restructuring Jack said, "I'm not sure if it will pass," and in reference to the limitations of committee structure Jönsson said, "BCSG has no power to change these things. All we can do is start a dialogue."

If any of this is to change, it would likely have to do so before Short Term, since the BCSG does not meet then. If no change occurs, "next year we will be back to square one," said Jack.

Wikipedia not to be Cited

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ject to subtle vandalism than a typical reference work," says the organization's guideline on using Wikipedia for research.

Although Bates has not adopted any formal resolutions on the issue, many Bates professors are in agreement with the principles set forth by Middlebury and the Wikipedia organization. Michael Jones, chair of the Bates history department, says that while the topic has come up in faculty discussion, there has been no move toward a formal policy.

"We do not forbid all use of Wikipedia but do not think it is a reliable source . . . more a possible first stop to find better references," said Jones.

Other history department professors agree. Dennis Grafflin, professor of East Asian history and Asian Studies, feels that Wikipedia can be a valuable resource when used appropriately by students. Special considerations have to be made when using websites as

resources rather than traditional references.

"Websites act like primary sources, which means that you have to think hard about every dimension of them," said Grafflin. "They aren't like traditional academic secondary sources, which have gone through elaborate review and editorial procedures."

Grafflin distinguishes between Wikipedia and encyclopedias that have gone through a more traditional publishing process.

"A student can be forgiven for relying on a traditional monograph from, say, the Oxford University Press, even if it contains absurd errors, because there is a whole network of academic institutions and expectations set up to prevent such a thing from happening," he said. "A website, on the other hand, is like an old diary or a personal letter. There is no expectation or guarantee of editorial review . . . so the burden of judgment is on the user to evaluate how such a source can reasonably be used."

Stringfellow Asma Barlas Award Lecture

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Maine," he said. "Anything in this community."

Chin was honored to receive the award, which will be given to him during a potluck dinner on March 25 in the Mays Center.

"I feel really grateful about it," he said. "I just wish the people doing the real hard work of making ends meet could get the awards."

A second Stringfellow Award is given to a Maine citizen every year. This year the honor is not awarded to an individual, but instead, Lewiston's Trinity Jubilee Center, which offers a number of services, including meals and child care.

ism at the heart of the Hajj," Barlas wrote in an editorial in The Ithican in January. "It is still there for Muslims to discover if they look for it."

Barlas suggested to her audience that they make an effort to find information on current events in the Middle East from alternative sources. "The tragedy is that most U.S. Americans have no idea what's going on," she said.

"Don't believe everything that your media tells you," she said. "The New York Times is not an alternative news source. Never accept anything just at face value."

Reginald Jones Questions Black Leadership

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"Why is it that black people have to have a leader?" asked Jones. "What are we, sheep? I don't know who the leader of any other minority in America is."

He sees progress coming in the 2008 presidential election, as he believes frontrunner Democrat Sen. Barack Obama stands out from past black candidates by spreading a new kind of rhetoric. He feels Obama's positive message is keeping him from garnering support from people like Sharpton and Jesse Jackson.

"Until he learns the language of 'woe is me,' he won't be accepted by the black leadership."

Jones also had harsh words for hip-hop, a genre he watched evolve while he was growing up in the South Bronx. He believes the music has

turned from focusing on talent to a certain look and image.

"Hip-hop is dead, and we're responsible for it," he said.

Jones ultimately related many of the problems he sees with the image of black people in contemporary America to media portrayal and poor leadership.

"The steady diet in the media is, I'm either an athlete, a rapper or a pimp," said Jones. "This is what happens when you have a leadership that only represents their own selfish interests."

Though the turnout for the presentation was small, there were few passive listeners. A number of audience members questioned Jones' logic and opinions after his lecture, leading to a period of contentious debate.

Guide to Next Year's Campus Housing



AMELIA LARSEN / THE BATES STUDENT

Tired of walking around campus hearing, 'what's with the new residence hall?' Or, 'do I have a good enough lottery number to live there?' Here are the answers in a guide to the most important housing information for next year.

-The new Rand Village dorms will be open to all class years. Forty-eight beds will be allocated for rising seniors, 18 for juniors, 30 for sophomores and 44 for first-years.

-Roger Williams Hall, known as "The Bill" and pictured above, will no longer be in use. The 90 upperclassmen who are housed there will be redistributed to the 96 open beds in the new residence hall.

-Hedge Hall will no longer be home to 59

first-year students. That number will be downsized to the 44 first-years living in the new residence hall.

-Theme houses include: Chase and Webb house, the environmental sustainability houses; Moulton, the chem-free house; Herrick, the all-male house; Stillman, the all-female house; and Nash, the folk culture house.

-Quiet dorms include Wentworth Adams Hall and Cheney House.

-Low-Chem options are available in Rand Hall and the new residence hall.

-The only all-first-year housing options will be Smith Hall, Clason House and Milliken House. Other first-years will be scattered throughout Parker, Page, Rand and the new residence hall.

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Senior Performs Difficult Classical Repertoire



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As the culmination of her Bates career, Akiko Doi '07 performed a melodious thesis last Sunday night. The student pianist left Olin Arts Center resonating with the sounds of three European composers. The concert featured selections by Robert Schumann, Wolfgang Mozart and Frédéric Chopin. It seems each piece was carefully chosen, displaying incredible artistic and emotional range. Beginning with a light Shumann selection, "Arabesque," the performance transitioned into the heavier Mozart and Chopin Sonatas. Doi succeeded in leaving Bates with a resounding impression of her artistic versatility and extreme appreciation for the piano. — Conor Hurley

Longtime WRBC DJ, Col- lege Employee Dies at 75

CONOR HURLEY
MANAGING ARTS & LIVING EDITOR

After serving the college for over 30 years as a night watchman and more than 10 years as a volunteer DJ, Linwood Martinkus — known to many as "Lucky Lindy" — died of a fatal heart attack Saturday, March 17. After shoveling about eight of his neighbors' cars from remnants of the weekend's snow storm, Linwood was transported to the hospital by ambulance and died shortly thereafter, according to his neighbor Dick Cusson.

A kind spirit at heart, Linwood went out of his way to help neighbors. Always the first to offer a ride or rush over to help carry a heavy load, Linwood loved to help people.

After retiring from his position as night watchman at Bates, he started volunteering with WRBC, hosting a radio show that changed a bit every year. On his WRBC application, Linwood wrote

"He was always so youthful and upbeat. I never saw Lindy with anything but a smile on his face." — WRBC Station Manager Ben Reilly

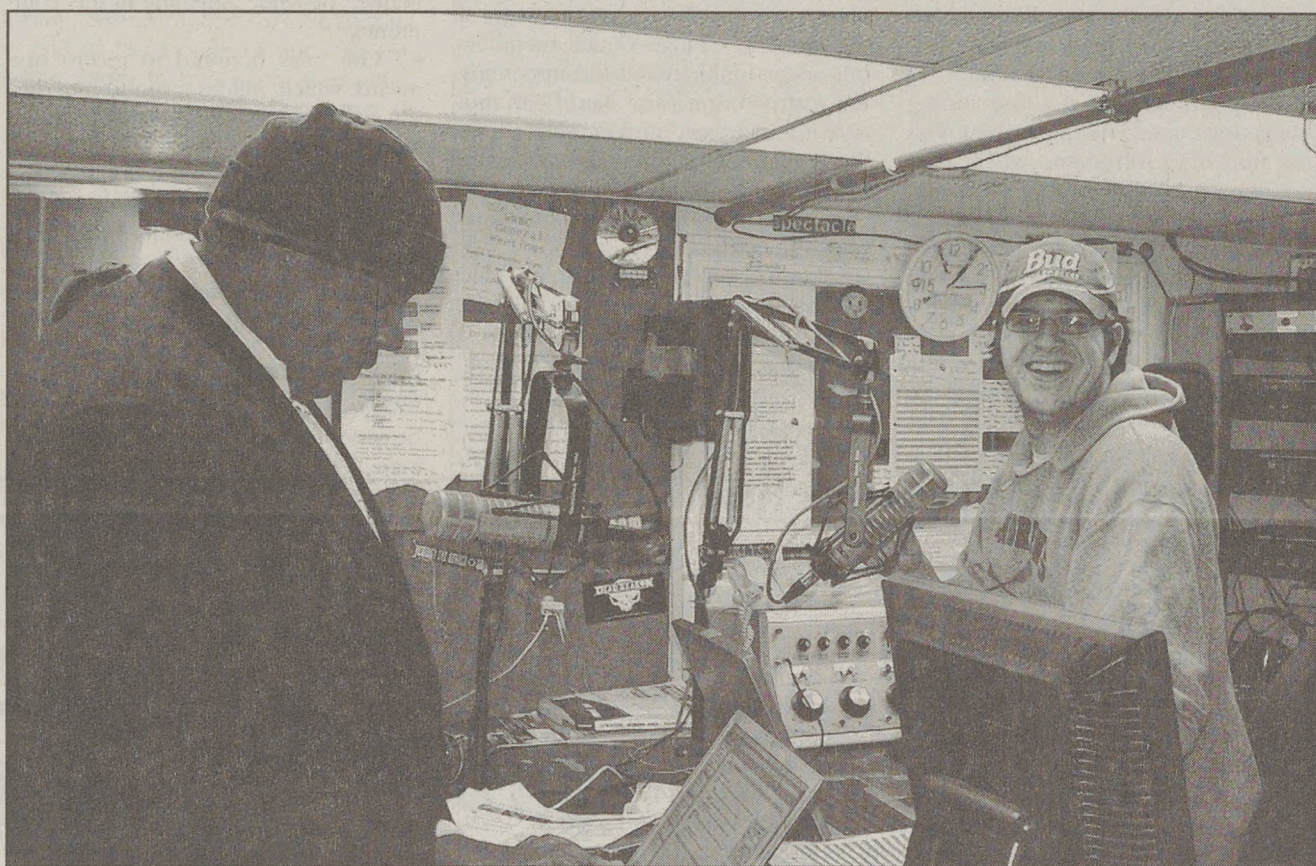
about why he wanted to host a radio show, saying, "I grew up listening to old-time radio disc jockeys, [having the radio show] gives me a chance to see modern techniques in CDs and artists, and Bates students are the greatest."

WRBC Station Manager Ben Reilly '08 said of "Lucky Lindy," "I think Linwood's passing is a shock to the whole WRBC community because he was always so youthful and upbeat. I never saw Lindy with anything but a smile on his face. His charm will certainly be missed, not to mention his radio show. He had a really unique show and knew a great deal about the music he played. We have all lost a good friend and DJ."

Linwood focused his show on easy listening, pop, big bands and classical music this past year.

A Lewiston native, Linwood was educated in the local school systems and is survived by his sister, Wanda Martinkus, 93, whom he had been caring for prior to his death. Funeral arrangements are being handled by the Barube Funeral Home on Pine Street in Lewiston. No date has been set for the services.

Eclectic Grooves in the Forecast



CONOR HURLEY/THE BATES STUDENT

Steve Coupet and Anthony Timberman are two of the three members of "Partly Cloudy."

CONOR HURLEY
MANAGING ARTS & LIVING EDITOR

A radio show named 'Partly Cloudy' could have some greater meaning to it: perhaps it's a metaphor for a glass-half-full outlook on life. This is a possibility until you know the show's former title: 'The 2.0 Club.'

Mocking a GPA which seemed impossibly low during first semester, 'The 2.0 Club' formed in fall 2006 among three high school friends. "Then our GPAs started to shift toward that marker," said Anthony Timberman '09. "So we decided to change the name to something a little bit more positive."

Turning over a new leaf and finding depth second semester was not an option. And so, the "2.0 Club" became "Partly Cloudy," not for any layered literary benefit, but because of the forecast showing on The Weather Channel

at the time.

A lack of planning characterizes the "Partly Cloudy" vibe.

"We just wing it," said Steve Coupet '09, who along with Michael Stafford '09 complete the DJ trio.

Fast-paced hip-hop and dance music are the norm for Stafford and Coupet, though Timberman will slow it down with his beloved classic 80s rock. Not surprisingly, 'I wear my stunna glasses at night' by E-40, which mixes the emblematic 80s pop-rock lyrics and tune with 21st century hip-hop is a favorite.

The DJs enjoy the interactions with listeners in and out of the studio, typically drawing four or five listeners to the studio for the two-hour show, while eight to ten call in. Timberman estimates that about 50 percent of the calls come from students, 25 percent come from locals and 25 percent come from his family.

For weeks, his mother called in to the radio show. "She'd request a song and then proceed to tell me about her day, on the air," said Timberman, who is the only DJ on the show to get calls from family. Recently, his grandfather started regularly calling in and dedicating Frank Sinatra songs to all the campus women on behalf of his grandson.

"Partly Cloudy" uses what it calls the 'shock-and-awe' public service announcements, depicting drive-by shootings and "Scruff McGruff beat-downs," said Timberman.

The show lacks cohesion and reliability, but the DJs pride themselves on their impromptu style. "We just let it happen," said Coupet, "Some times we can bring it together in time, sometimes we can't."

It's the second hour that decides the show, if the DJs can ramp up the energy and vibe, kick the listeners into

Cardigans: What Kanye and Mr. Rogers Have In Common

KEITH KEARNEY JR.
FASHION COLUMNIST

Cardigans are another wardrobe must-have during the transition between winter and spring transition. They are one of my favorites because they can make any outfit a little sharper and smarter. This is especially true if you want to avoid looking overly-preppy or like you've tried too hard. My fondest and only memory of seeing an iconic figure wearing a cardigan from my younger years has been minimized to Mr. Rogers. Today, however, the more athletic and luxe cashmere stripped yarns have made their way to the hip-hop scene, sported by urban-prepster Kanye West.

Cardigans have never been 'out of style.' Their appearance in designers' collections are more noticeable, especially in men's clothing lines. They

can be paired with a navy brass button blazer, or with a pair of jeans and a t-shirt. Cardigans can work for most guys, regardless of their style. There are so many styles: from slim fitting zip-ups to high shawl collar cotton/wool button downs. There are also those which are more modern, colorful and traditional; where the colors are muted. Some guys just like wearing black, white, grey and navy; almost like a uniform. Whatever your color preference may be, avoid imitating the Kanye or Mr. Rogers look and find a way to make it your own.

Some cardigans are thick, long and chunky, which can substitute for a coat, while others are thin and more suitable for evening walks along the Androscoggin with your date during Short Term. Many cardigans are versatile and easy to wear. If you and your older siblings or parents are of similar size, raid their closets for old sweaters. In 2006 Marc

Jacobs, one of my favorite designers, created a merino multi-colored, blue block graphic cardigan paired with baggy navy slacks. When I saw the photograph in a magazine, I could not take my eyes off of it. I liked it so much, but was unable to get my hands on it. Marc Jacobs always manages to keep his Marc by Marc Jacobs clothing airy, with hints of character, which make them look vintage and a little grunge. His cardigans are constructed with the greatest detail that anyone can enjoy, though they may be more fitting for the adventurous guy.

Very few men at Bates wear cardigans besides the occasional professor who mixes his argyle cardigan with his thick whaled corduroy blazer, but this look is sharp. I appreciate how classic a cardigan can make an outfit look. I can't remember the first time I wore a cardigan, or as I like to call them "card's,"

WRBC 91.5

Show of the Month:

Partly Cloudy

Monday 8 to 10 p.m.

I Wear My Stunna
Glasses at Night
The Federation



Let's Get It On
Marvin Gaye

Carnival
Dawg-E-Slaughter



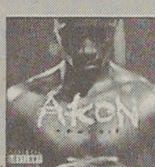
Every Time We
Touch
Cascada

Ooo Ahh
(My Life Be Like)
Grits



I Like To Move It
Reel 2 Real

Shake Down
Akon



Hip Hop
Dead Prez

Your Love
Outfield



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Rafael Casal
Schaeffer 204
7:30 - 10:00 p.m.
Thurs., March 22

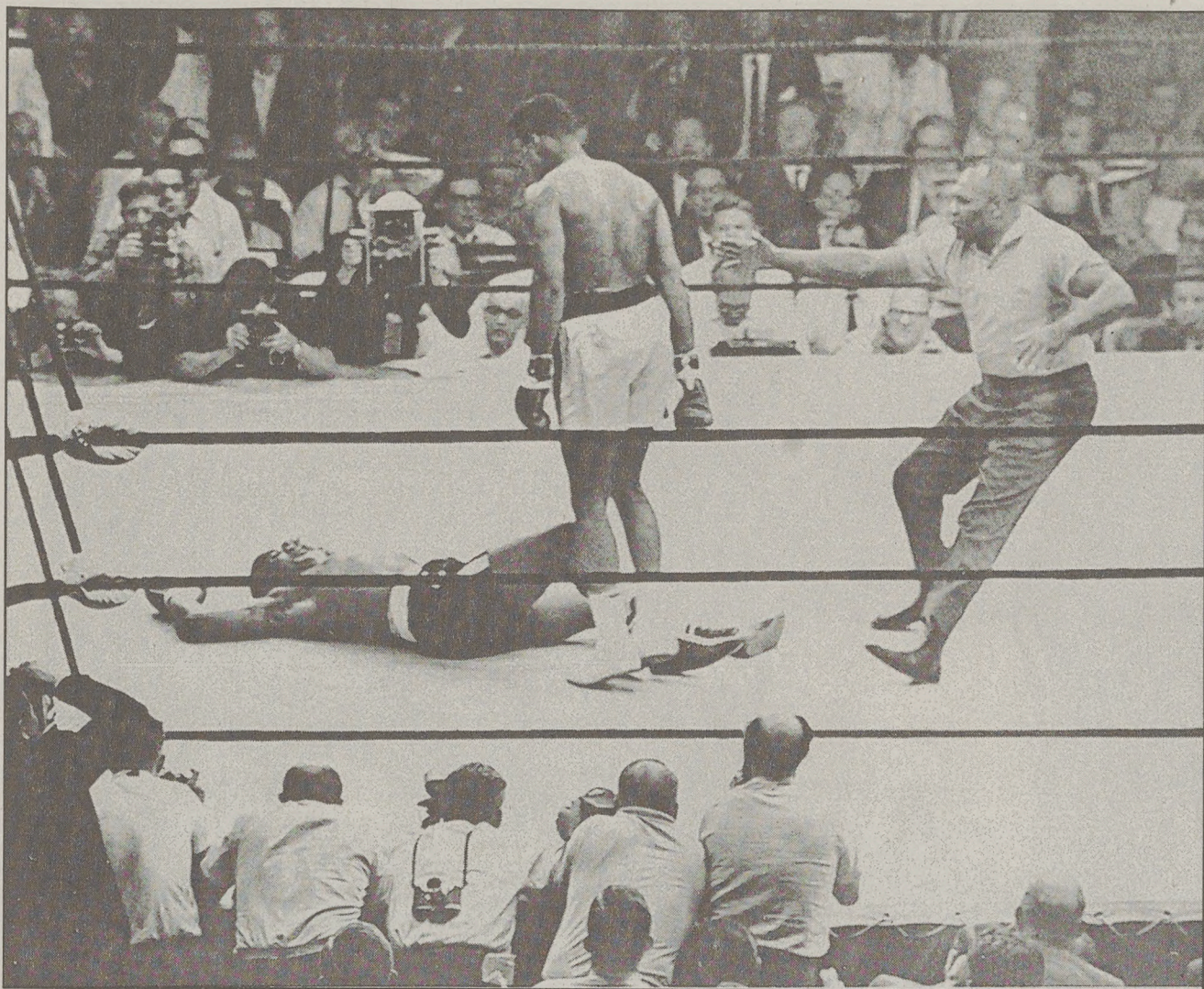
Village Club Series:
Jason Levasseur
Mays Center
9:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m.
Thurs., March 22

Like It
Chase Hall
10:00 p.m.
Fri., March 23

Gala
Alumni Gym
8:00 p.m.
Sat., March 24

Filmboard:
Flags of Our Fathers
Olin 104
7:00 p.m. & 9:30 p.m. Fri., Sat., 2:00
& 4:30 p.m. Sun.

Rumble in Lewiston Colisee



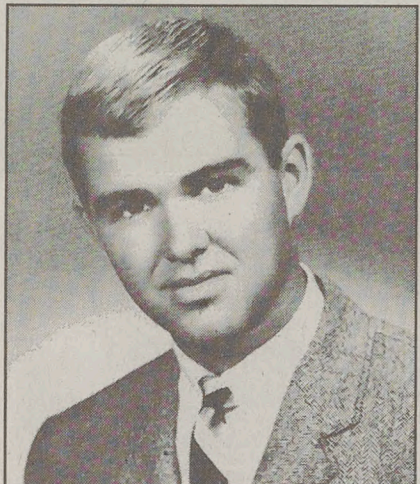
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Ali stands over a fallen Liston.

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friends together to check out the scene," Heyel said. Running back to his dorm room in the Bill, Heyel and two others, Tom McKittrick '67 and Brian Carlson '67, loaded up on notebooks and clipboards and went to the St. Dominick's to report the event.

On the way to the fight, Heyel recalls seeing other Bates kids trying to sneak into the stadium. It took about twenty minutes for them to enter the arena when an ABC TV cameraman finally let them in as members of the press. Despite the full arena,



THE MIRROR 1965

Allen N. Harvie '65 in his yearbook photo.

the three Bates students were seated ring-side in three pull-up folding chairs—right next to Sonja Ali, Muhammad Ali's wife.

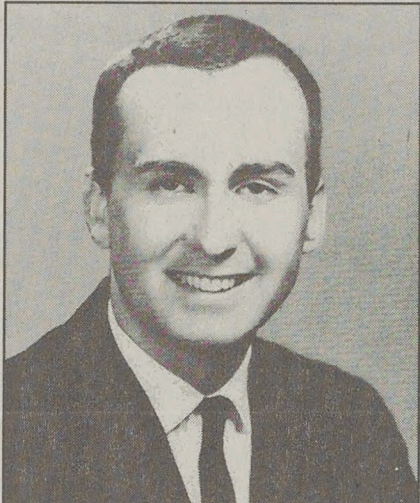
"We were literally a foot away from Ali's wife, I'm pretty sure they'd been married for about a year at the time. We were able to interview her before the fight started," recalled Heyel.

Before the fight even began, however, controversy had already ensued. Bob Goulet, a famous entertainer at the peak of his fame, was hired to sing the national anthem. In what was considered to be the low-point of his career, the singer messed up a line of the anthem—singing "By the dawn's early night" instead of "light." From that point on, he was known for his "Star Mangled Banner" (source: "5 Celeb Song Flubs" msnbc.com). According to Heyel, however, Goulet's performance was worse than just the minor slip-up. "It was almost as big of a deal as Ali winning the fight. There was suspicion that Goulet had been drinking," said Heyel.

Seated in Ali's corner, Heyel, McKittrick and Carlson watched the fight from their ringside seats. "The fight lasted 57 seconds, and no one heard a large punch to knock [Liston] down," said Heyel. Referring to the infamous "phantom punch," Heyel and other attendees still comment to this day about the peculiarity of the match—spurring debate as to whether or not Liston was actually hit. Many conspiracies have been raised as to what actually happened. Some say Liston faked the knock-out because he owed money to the mafia and bet against himself in order to collect on payments. Others say Liston feared a backlash from the Nation of Islam, the radical sect of Islam that Ali had recently converted to, and lost the fight on purpose (eastsideboxing.com).

A few other Bates students were able to make it in to see the fight, but not without disguises. In addition to McKittrick and Carlson, Heyel recalled Jon Wilska '67 picking up a bundle of newspapers and pretending to be part of the press in order to get through the front doors. Heyel also remembers Al Harvie '65 borrowing an ambulance and walking into the arena with a stretcher, dressed in hospital whites.

Every now and then, Heyel commented, the fight comes up in cocktail conversations. "I tell people I was right there in Ali's corner." Heyel still pays close attention to pictures taken from the fight, and commented particularly on Neil Leife's Sports Illustrated cover, "What kills me is that the most famous sports picture ever



THE MIRROR 1965

Peter J. Heyel '65 in his yearbook photo.

taken didn't have us in the background. Ali knocked Liston down right near us, but the shot was taken from the left side. We would have been in it if it had been taken from the right."

Muhammad Ali was born Cassius Clay in 1942. At the age of 18, Clay won the light heavyweight gold medal at the 1960 Rome Olympics. His first fight against Sonny Liston earned him a heavyweight title, and shortly after the fight, he publicly released that he had converted to the Nation of Islam. This sparked him to change his name to Muhammad Ali. Ali fought the second fight against Liston in Lewiston under his new name (source: ali.com).

A Relatively Upset-Free First Round Promises for an Exciting Second Weekend of Tournament Action

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And see you, Texas, not in the Top 25 next year.

As for the remaining teams, Kansas, Florida, North Carolina and Georgetown are playing like they want a spot in Atlanta. If you are looking for a sleeper, Tennessee could fill your void. As long as they continue to shoot well, they can beat anyone, especially a vulnerable Ohio State. USC, Southern Illinois and Butler could be on blow out watch, though. The best Sweet Sixteen game? Memphis-Texas A&M. It should be a dogfight and could give me a heart attack before it is over.

With so much going on this past weekend in college basketball, it's

nearly impossible to coherently write and summarize everything that took place. So, I hope that my above musings were able to provide some insights that ESPN or CBS could not. As for the upcoming two rounds of games, it should be a great weekend. Ten of the top 12 seeded teams remain, so most brackets are still intact unless you picked Notre Dame or Boston College to make the Final Four like one of my friends who shall remain nameless. I'm going to stick to my prognostication from last week and hope my Final Four comes to fruition. But no matter what the results, I'll be ready for what promises to be a weekend full of exciting basketball.

Tennis Falls to Brandeis, Coach Beats Alma Mater

JESSIE SAWYER
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

Substantial snowfall and a tennis coach, both old friends of Lewiston, ME, managed to defeat the Bates tennis team this week. Saturday, slippery roads caused the postponement of the men's scheduled home game against MIT. However, both the men and women were able to travel to Brandeis on Sunday, to compete against former Bates tennis player and assistant coach Ben Lamanna's '02 squad. Bates dropped 3-6 losses to Brandeis in both the women's and men's categories.

The women played first, seeing a number two singles 6-3, 6-3 match win from Alex Piaquard '10, a 6-2, 6-2 victory from captain Laura Harris '07 in the number four singles slot and number one doubles triumph from Harris and Caryn Benisch '09.

"Three of the losses were in three sets. It's great to have such close matches. Overcoming such adversity breeds self-confidence, and they will continue to improve and grow," said Assistant Coach Tristan Beach '06.

The men, currently ranked sixth in

New England and 24th nationally, lost to Brandeis for the first time since 1999. Brandeis currently holds the 14th slot in New England polls. Ben Stein '09 scored a tally for Bates with 6-4, 7-6 and 7-4 set wins in the number three single spot. Zach Fenno '10 took a 7-6 (7-4), 6-2 number six singles victory. Fenno and Mike Reiss '10 paired to clench a number three doubles point, 8-6. Mike Sherman '10 had a tight match-up against Brandeis opponent Cliff Silverman, losing 4-6 in his first set and staging a comeback with a 6-3 second set. Silverman emerged the champion with his 16-14 super tie-breaking set.

"With such a young team, growing pains are inevitable," said Beach. "A disappointing loss exposes the true character of a team: it can either demoralize or it can catalyze growth. I know the men will keep this loss in the back of their minds, not to dwell on it, but to motivate themselves."

They will redouble their efforts and become stronger because of it. The men host USM on Thursday at 5 p.m. and will travel to Amherst on Sunday for a 2 p.m. match Mar. 31. The women go on the road to play Tufts at 11 a.m.

Baseball Gears up for 2007 Season

JESSIE SAWYER
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

After a mediocre 2006 season, in which the team posted a 13-21 record, the Bobcats return to the diamond with significantly more experience.

"We're no longer a young team," said Head Coach Craig Vandersea.

Despite having graduated four seniors, including captain and starter Adam Worrall '06, the team boasts a strong returning upper class, with three seniors and 12 juniors back on the field to provide the team with some leadership.

"We have a lot of guys who have starting games, which is nice," said Vandersea.

Vandersea commended captains Rob Schuler '07, Griffin Finan '07 and Peter Meisel '07 for the direction they provide to the team. He also praised the junior class for the way they have stuck together throughout their time at Bates.

Offensive powerhouses Brian Mahoney '08 and Eric Hood '08 also return for their third seasons. Mahoney, a shortstop, holds the school record for hits in a season at 48 and career doubles with 12. Hood is second to Mahoney in the record book with 44 hits last season. Mahoney and Hood also boast Bates records for the most at-bats in a season with 126 and 119, respectively.

Alex Egelson '08 will suit up behind the plate for the Bobcats, while Casey McCormack '08, who holds the record for most games started in a season with 32 last year, gets the starting nod in the outfield. Alex Malucci '08 also returns as an outfield starter. First-years Tommy Beaton and Josh Linscott will serve as utility players rotating between the infield and outfield.

Much of the strength of this year's team resides in its pitching staff.

"We're pretty deep in [terms of] starting pitchers. I don't know if we have a true ace right now, but I think our depth is great with our pitching. Just a number of guys who have expe-

rience," said Vandersea.

Vandersea noted that the depth of the bullpen will allow the team to play well in its double-headers. Finan, Ben Schwartz '09 and Sean VanderVliet '08, who all started last year, are key members of the pitching squad. Danny Bousquet '08 rejoins the team after a year off with a shot at a position in the starting rotation. Brian Buckley '08 plays both third and closes for the Bobcats. Custer Cook '10, a strong-shouldered, left-handed thrower from Florida, looks to debut as Bates' setup man.

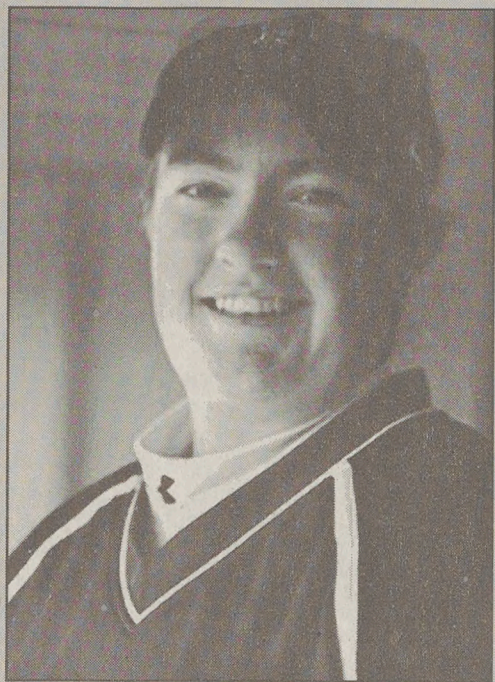
Currently the team is preparing for a six-game stint in Florida next week. Vandersea looks forward to observing his team play in Florida. He commented that it will be beneficial for the team to get as much outside playing time as possible, as the weather conditions in Florida will be considerably more favorable for baseball games than Bates' damp, snow-covered diamond.

The Florida games will also give Vandersea the opportunity to evaluate his pitching staff. Six will have the chance to start. The team will also have a variety of d-3 powerhouses, like Hamilton. As an East Division NESCAC team, Bates does not normally have the opportunity to play Hamilton, which is in the West Division.

The team hopes to win the NESCAC tournament for the first time. Only four teams qualify for the tournament, which has only been run for five years. Due to the strength of the NESCAC teams and the pack of powerhouses like Tufts, Trinity and Bowdoin in Bates' division, doing so will be a challenge, yet not an unforeseeable possibility. According to Vandersea, every NESCAC series has a playoff atmosphere.

"The last couple of years we've been right on the line of trying to crossover into a winning season," said Vandersea. "We've been moving under 500 and have just been shifting around with some games and just been able to put some streaks together. "We're excited about our opportunities this year."

Bobcat of the Week Stacia Saniuk '09



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Sophomore Stacia Saniuk, a native of Hadley, Mass., was named the NESCAC player of the week on Monday, Mar. 19. Last year's NESCAC Rookie of the Year, Saniuk went 8-20 during the team's six game stint in Florida, batting .400 with seven RBIs, three runs, a home run and a slugging percentage of .650.

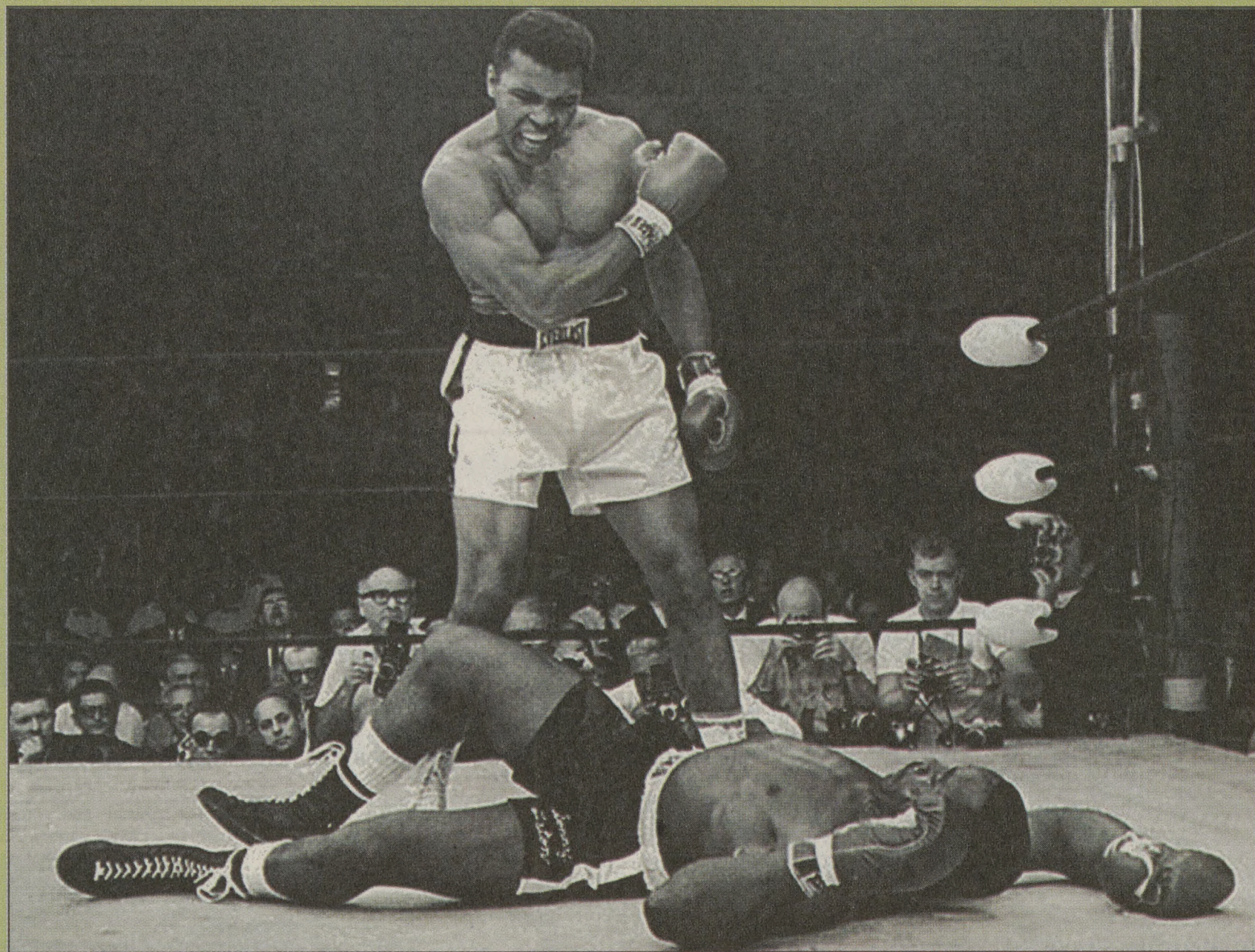
The Louisville Lip in Lewiston

ALI MORRIS
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Whether a boxing fan or not, most Americans are familiar with a particular sports image: Muhammad Ali glaring down at a defeated Sonny Liston lying on the canvas below, his fist still clenched and raised to the left. The cover of Sports Illustrated's special issue, "The Century's Greatest Sports Photos," documents the fight that brought five minutes of fame, in certain sports circles, to a small town in New England. What many people don't know, particularly Bates students, is that the small New England town was Lewiston, Maine, and the venue, five minutes from campus, known at the time as St. Dominick's Arena, is now the Lewiston Coliseum.

Originally scheduled to be held in Boston, the fight was allegedly moved to Maine when the promoters found they did not have a license to promote fights in Massachusetts. Due to the remote location and the limited space in the auditorium, only 2,434 fans were in attendance—making it the lowest recorded turn-out for a world championship boxing fight (espn.go.com). The fight was scheduled as a second bout after Liston threw in the towel during the seventh round of the first fight on February 25, 1964. This odd behavior sparked speculation that the game was fixed, leading to another match scheduled for November of 1964. The first fight, nonetheless, earned Ali the Heavyweight title. When Ali had to go in for emergency surgery for a strangulated hernia, the second fight was moved to May 25, 1965 (source: espn.go.com).

News that the boxing match would take place in Lewiston was not released until five or six days before the scheduled event. Despite claims of the lack of licensing in Massachusetts, rumors circulated that it was difficult for the fight to find a location due to Liston's criminal background and Ali's recent conversion to the Nation of Islam (source: ali.com). Lewiston was the only place they could find on



NEIL LEIFER/SPORTS ILLUSTRATED

Ali drops Sonny Liston in the first minute of the first round of the Heavy Weight Championship of the World in Lewiston in 1965.

such short notice. The fight itself lasted less than a minute; Liston was knocked out by a single punch, marking it as one of the most controversial sporting events in history. Speculation surrounding the legitimacy of the fight lingers to this day.

With only two weeks left in the semester, classes at Bates were still in session when the fight took place. Due to the spontaneity of the event, the fight was not highly anticipated on campus. Bates alumnus Peter Heyel, class of 1965,

recalled the event as a reporter for the WRBC at the time. "Most kids didn't know what was going on," Heyel commented in an interview with The Student on March 17. "We were in the middle of exams, and I didn't decide to go to the fight until two

hours before it started." Heyel remembers being in the Den when a classmate of his approached him and asked him why he wasn't attending. "I decided to get some

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Softball Travels to Florida; Loses Four, Wins Final Two

BRENDAN BRODEUR
STAFF WRITER

The Bates' softball team flew to sunny Florida on March 14 for spring training, where they played six games, losing four and winning two.

The spring training opener came with a 3-2 loss to Framingham State. Stacia Saniuk '09 and Leah Citrin '09 led the Bobcat offense, each going 2-3 with a run batted in. Bates had seven hits on the day but was unable to hold off Framingham, despite the best efforts of Bates' ace Kristin Masino '07.

Later that same day, the Bobcats fell to Richard Stockton 5-4, their second consecutive one run loss. Bates tallied nine hits, while newcomer Jean McIntyre '10 went 2-4 with a run. Saniuk hit 1-4 while batting in two runs and Citrin finished with one hit and one run. Pitcher Christina Knobel '09 took the loss, giving

up four hits and two home runs.

After a night of rest, Bates took the field and fell to Nichols 5-2. The Bobcats had five hits and committed four errors. Saniuk scored a run as she went 2-3, while Beth Lakin '08 also scored a run. Both Molly Ritner '09 and Jill Cappucci '10 drove in Lakin and Saniuk for Bates' two runs of the game. Masino had a rough morning as she allowed seven hits and five runs, only two of which were earned.

Bates played again later that day, losing 14-1 to Transylvania. Knobel allowed 12 hits, giving the Bates defense a long outing as they committed four errors. Bates was not without an offense, however, picking up five hits in the game.

Eager for a win, the girls took the field Saturday morning against Ohio Wesleyan and fought their way to a 7-6 win. Bates scored single runs in the third, sixth and seventh innings.

Caitlin Murphy '07 went 2-2 with a run and doubled to drive in a run. Saniuk stole the show with a three-run home run in the fourth and a double that brought home the game-winning run in the sixth.

Bates' last game resulted in another win against Eastern Nazarene 10-2. Knobel gave up four hits and two unearned runs but struck out four batters in six innings. Murphy went 2-4 with three runs, a two-run home run and a stolen base. Katie Franklin '07 hit a home run, drove in two runs and scored two runs. Liz Stahler '10 went 1-3 with two runs, a walk and a stolen base. Citrin hit 2-4 with two RBIs, while Cappucci hit 2-4 with two RBIs and run batted in.

Bates softball is ready for the season opener next Saturday against Brandeis. The double-header begins at noon and the second will follow at 2 p.m.



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Bates softball poses outside the Minnesota Twins' training facility in Florida.

More Madness: Observations on the Tournament Thus Far

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I had tried to come up with a topic for this week's column that revolved around something

other than the NCAA tournament. By now, every storyline has been exhausted, every player who grew up in a single-parent home has been profiled, every successful coach has been overly lauded and anything remotely related to college basketball has been explored. Logically, you're probably pretty tired of it. But after spending roughly 35 hours on my couch from Thursday to Sunday, I really can't help myself; the tournament has, as usual, taken over my life. So why not discuss it? Here are some observations from the first weekend of hoops:

Thankfully, I slightly doctored my bracket (from last week's) and the changes have turned out well. Dropping ODU and Texas Tech, among others, was wise. I did, however, put

Long Beach State in the Sweet Sixteen solely because of Snoop Dogg, which was a horrible decision. However, Albany remains possibly the worst pick I have ever made in my life. I hate my friend who convinced me they were good.

St. Patty's Day could not have been accompanied by a better slate of consecutive basketball games. I am still shaking from excitement like an alcoholic in dire need of a drink. Despite the lack of crazy upsets, it was a great follow-up to what was a relatively disappointing opening round.

One of my favorite things about the tournament: all the random people involved who normally wouldn't care about basketball have become rampant fans of teams about which they couldn't care less about. One instant I was rooting vehemently for Georgia Tech, the next VCU. That is why I love March Madness: something is riding on every game.

I've also realized how entertaining it is to observe a person watch a game they have money on. One of my friends has \$100 on Kansas to win it all and he literally lives and

dies with every single play. He is the single most irrational fan I have ever seen when they play, but after the game is over, he's back to normal. It is an amazing phenomenon. And no, I'm not talking about myself here.

My three favorite players of the tournament, so far are Acie Law IV, Eric Maynor of VCU and Sherron Collins of Kansas. I've already confessed my love affair with Law, but Maynor is a similar player. The way he manhandled Greg Paulus was a thing of beauty. How can you not pull for a player that bloodied Jon Scheyer and made him look like a lost little boy? Collins is a freshman sparkplug who comes off the bench for the Jayhawks. He is less than six feet tall, but built like a tank and drives the lane fearlessly. Plus, he's from a tough background and plays with an edge. Those are the guys that I love to pull for.

Continuing with Maynor, I really liked VCU's team; Pittsburgh is lucky to have won that game. Head coach Anthony Grant has a disciplined, yet frenetic system that maximizes his players' abilities. He also looks very professional for a mid-major

coach, unlike most of the overweight guys who look like they've just walked out of the Men's Warehouse and have the genuine feel of a used car salesman. There are two distinct types of mid-major coaches: those who are ascending to a major program and those who will never make it because of their sleazy appearance. Grant easily falls into the former category—he is on his way. It also amazed me and my friends that he was 41 years old. We set the over/under at 29.5 and the under was the majority.

I love the way Greg Gumbel pronounces Chicago. It comes out like "SH-cau-go." Listen for it next time. By the way, his brother went to Bates. Interestingly, he was the sports editor of the Bates Student. Now he has his own HBO show.

Despite my undying love for the NCAA tournament, there are always inadequacies I can find. So far, this year's bracket has not featured a buzzer-beating shot by a low-seeded team for a win. Also, with no Bob Huggins present, there is no random huggled-out team to root for. Too bad.

Two more things about college basketball that have always annoyed me, but the tournament has brought to the forefront: the possession arrow and charges. It seems arbitrary and non-competitive to alternate possessions on jump balls. Why penalize a good defensive play or reward poor offensive execution? Is it that hard to just have a normal jump situation like the NBA? In regards to charges, it seems that there are an inordinate amount of offensive player control fouls in college basketball. I think that the culture of the game—namely, the emphasis on hustle by coaches and analysts (Dickie V, maybe?)—have made referees more prone to call unwarranted charging fouls. The restricted zone in the NBA does have an effect, but it still seems there is something else at hand.

Thank you, Kevin Durant, for one of the best individual performances in recent college basketball, and for ruining many brackets on Sunday with your teammates. See you, Kevin, in the NBA next season.

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